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PLEASE PASS WILLIAM HAMMOND, CITY CENTER DANCE THEATRE,
229 EAST 59TH ST., N.Y. N.Y. 10022; TEL. (212) 832-1740

1. EMBASSY INFORMED TODAY BY DIRECTOR DUBROVNIK FESTIVAL,
NIKO NAPICA, THAT DUE PROGRAMMING COMPLICATIONS DUBROVNIK
WISHES CANCEL AILEY PERFORMANCE JULY 13 LEAVING AILEY ONLY ONE
PERFORMANCE JULY 12. EMBASSY ARGUED STRONGLY AGAINST BUT TO
NO AVAIL THUS FAR. WE URGED NAPICA TO CONTACT YOU BY PHONE
IMMEDIATELY TO EXPLAIN SITUATION. SHOULD YOU WISH CALL HIM,
NUMBER IN DUBROVNIK IS 27997. MEANWHILE WE DOING EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO RETAIN ORIGINAL TERMS.

2. NAPICA ALSO STATED HE PLANS ACCOMMODATE GROUP AT HOTEL
PALAS ALTHOUGH THIS CONTRARY TO AILEY WISHES AND YOUR DISCUSSIONS
WITH FESTIVAL AUTHORITIES. FESTIVAL HAS CONTRACT WITH PALAS
BUT NOT WITH HOTEL EXCELSIOR. TRANSPORTATION TO TOWN WOULD
BE VTOVIDED.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY ADAMANTLY AGAINST CHANGE AILEY SCHEDULE
THIS LATE DATE, THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO IF DUBROVNIK
INSISTS. ONLY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE PERFORMANCE JULY 14 WHICH
PREVIOUSLY TURNED DOWN DUE ONWARD AILEY SCHEDULE.

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4. IF PROVES NECESSARY CANCEL JULY 13 DATE, QUESTION

MAINTENANCE PAYMENT REMAINS. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THE WE BELIEVE
DUBROVNIK STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE COSTS ON JULY 13
BUT NAPICA NON COMMITTAL. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FLY OUT ON
JULY 13 INSTEAD 14.
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